



Global Studies Program

The Dr. Selden K. Smith Endowed Scholarship for Student Global Experience

Eligibility for application

Student must be enrolled as a full-time student in either the Women's College or Evening College; and in good academic and judicial standing at the time of application.

Use of awarded funds

Student must be in good academic and judicial standing at the time of use of the awarded funds. Funds must be used for global travel experience within one year of award and prior to graduation.

Description

The Dr. Selden K. Smith Endowed Scholarship for Student Global Experience is awarded in the fall and the spring of each academic year, based on the available funds and number of applications selected by the Global Studies committee. Once awarded, the scholarship is to be used within the academic year. Summer travel is included. It provides scholarship support of up to \$5,000*, depending on available funds, for travel **outside the southeast region of the United States and beyond the U.S.** Travel must be related to experiential learning or studying abroad. All funds will be used each year and the final amount awarded may vary by small amounts given fund availability.

The scholarship is named in honor of Dr. Selden K. Smith, a longtime Columbia College professor. Dr. Smith joined the Columbia College faculty in 1960 and served for 37 years. In addition to teaching and serving as chair of the department of history and political science, he was instrumental in bringing to campus a series of concerts, lectures, films and exhibits that enhanced the College's academic culture. He has a special passion for teaching Holocaust history and served on the South Carolina Council on the Holocaust and the South Carolina Jewish Historical Society.

Donor and friend, Anita G. Zucker, states: "For decades, Selden has encouraged his students to travel in order to better appreciate history and gain understanding for each other and all people. He is a very special man who has tirelessly fought for the rights of people throughout the world. I am honored to create this scholarship in his honor and provide these life-changing, travel-study experiences for more students."

Application Process

Applicant must submit the following two documents for consideration:

- **500-word Essay of Purpose**, which explains **why she/he should receive the funds**.

Questions that the applicant may want to consider as she/he writes this essay include, but are not limited to:

- How is this global travel related to experiential learning? To study abroad?



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- What activities and experiences does the applicant intend on pursuing while in the global location? And how would these contribute to her/his academic and professional development as a global citizen?
- What essential needs would the award of the scholarship fulfill for her/him?
- **Detailed budget**, which can include travel, lodging, coursework, materials, travel insurance or other health-related short-term travel expenses, and appropriate miscellaneous expenses.
It may also include cost of tuition for other approved academic institutions, other than Columbia College, as long as they relate to the global study experience.

Both the essay and budget should be submitted electronically as attachments to the Chair of the Global Studies Committee: Corinne (Coco) D. Mann at cdmann@columbiasc.edu

Upon completion of travel experience, the recipient is expected to share her/his experience in some manner with the campus community. She/he could decide to do a campus presentation, a presentation during SpearsFest, an information board, an electronic presentation for the CC website, or other campus-approved medium of display.

Application deadlines for 2016-2017

Fall 2016: Wednesday, November 2, 2016 (for spring or summer 2017 travel)

Spring 2017: Monday, April 3, 2017 (for fall 2017 travel)